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TARAPUR

1. SAMACHAR TICKET EARLY THIS AFTERNOON, MARCH 1,
CARRIES THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. MORARJI DESAI,
TOLD THE LOK SABHA TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD
VIOLATED THE AGREEMENT BY CREATING DIFFICULTIES FOR
STORING SPENT-FUEL RODS IN THE EXISTING POOL OF THE
TARAPUR ATOMIC PLANT.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY MR. K. RAMAMURTHY,
THE PRIME MINISTER ADMITTED THAT THE
REDUCTION IN THE OUTPUT IN TARAPUR ATOMIC PLANT
(70 PERCENT OF THE DESIGNED CAPACITY) BECAME NECESSARY
ON THIS ACCOUNT IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1977-78.

MR. DESAI SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF STORING
SPACE FOR THE SPENT-FUEL, THE OUTPUT OF THE PLANT WAS
REDUCED. NOW THE QUESTION WAS HOW TO UTILISE THE FULL
CAPACITY OF THE PLANT. THIS COULD BE SOLVED BY AN AGREEMENT
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WITH THE USA. INDIA WAS NEGOTIATING WITH THAT COUNTRY ALL
THE WHILE. BUT IN VIEW OF THE ATTITUDE, INDIA HAD TO FIND
OUT WHAT METHODS COULD BE USED TO GET OUT OF THE IMPASSE.
PERHAPS, WE MIGHT FIND OUT SOME OTHER WAY, HE ADDED.

MR. CHITTA BASU ASKED WHETHER THE STORAGE CAPACITY FOR
THE SPENT-FUEL WAS PART OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT

OF INDIA AND THE USA. IF SO, THE SOTRAGE PROBLEM CREATED
WAS IN VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

MR. DESAI SHARING THE ANXIETY OF THE MEMBER SAID THAT
THE USA HAD VIOLATED THE AGREEMENT. HE REPLIED BY ASKING
THE MEMBER WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT? CAN WE GO TO COURT?
CAN ANY COURT DECIDE ON THIS?

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID WE HAVE, THEREFORE, TO FIND
AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF WORKING. IF IT DOES NOT WORK, I
CANNOT GIVE UP THE SELF-RESPECT OF MY COUNTRY.

MR. SAMAR GUHA SAID THAT THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
COULD FIND SOME STORAGE FOR THE SPENT-FUEL. WHY SHOULD
THEY DEPEND ON AMERICA FOR THIS.

MR. DESAI SAID THAT THE SPENT-FUEL COULD NOT BE THROWN
AWAY ANYWHERE THEY LIKED AS THIS WOULD CREATE MORE PROBLEMS.
IT HAD TO BE REPROCESSED AND DISPOSED OF. THIS HAD TO BE DONE
IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. END QUOTE

2. WE WILL OBTAIN VERBATUM TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S
COMMENTS TOMORROW AND WILL RELAY THESE TO ADDRESSEES.
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